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TWO KILLED IN COUNTRY LANE HORROR CRASH

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN APPEAL has been launched for witnesses to a horrific car crash on an isolated country road which claimed the lives of a West Lancashire couple.

Stephen Rigbye, 38, of Scarisbrick and his partner and passenger Agnes Parkinson, 40, of Mawdesley were killed when their BMW car smashed into a stone wall.

The tragedy happened in the early hours of Monday, March 30, on Bannister Lane in Hilldale, near Parbold some time between midnight and 5am.

The black BMW 320 was found at about 7.15am and the police were called.

It is thought the car, driven by Mr Rigbye, had lost control on a bend and collided with a stone wall outside the entrance to a luxury home being built close to Hunter's Hill Quarry.

The road was sealed off for eight hours as the car was removed from the scene and experts investigated how the double tragedy could have happened.

Floral tributes at the accident scene

Floral tributes were left at the roadside together with police notices for witnesses.

One of the tributes left at the scene, from Stephen's cousin Joe, read: "To my little cousin Stephen. I cannot comprehend what has happened and cannot believe I will only see you in my memories. Thanks for the laughs, good times and mischief that we used to get up to. Love you loads."

Sgt Alan Baron, of Lancashire Police Road Policing Unit, said: "Sadly this collision has cost two people their lives and I would appeal to any witnesses or anyone who has any information to contact us."

Everton FC boss opens £100,000 tennis facility

Roberto Martinez with Trevor Hale, Elizabeth Eaves, Chairman, Denice Fox and Lydia Hale

EVERTON manager Roberto Martinez swapped footballs for tennis balls when he opened Mawdesley Tennis Club's new facilities following a £100,000 investment.

The Blues boss and his wife, Beth, were invited to the club to see for themselves the new floodlights and four resurfaced tennis courts.

The club is a charity run by volunteers and received funding for the improvements from Sports England, Tennis Lancashire, Lancashire Environmental Fund, Ward Blenkinsopp Trust and Thomas Cook alongside investment from the club itself.

Roberto said: "It is great to see funding being used to improve such a local sporting facility and allowing grass root players a significantly improved opportunity to practice, develop and progress."

The club has eight junior teams aged three to 18 years old, five competitive senior teams who compete in the Southport & District Tennis League, three competitive junior teams in the Bolton Indoor League as well as a friendly senior team.

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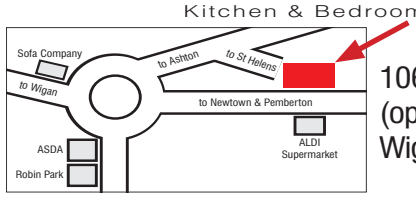

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18–year sentence for armed raiders' getaway driver

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MAN involved in a terrifying gang robbery at the West Lancashire home of a self–employed businessman and his wife has received an 18–year sentence.

Paul Hogan was the getaway driver for the masked and armed gang who stormed the couple's luxury home in Parbold and stole jewellery after tying them up and threatening them with weapons.

The 30–year–old was arrested last September, almost a year after the raid which he committed while on licence from jail for a cash–in–transit robbery.

Sentencing Hogan, of Kerris Close, Aigburth, to 13–and–a–half years imprisonment with an extended licence of four–and–a–half years, Judge Robert Trevor–Jones said: "You have a serious record and you are connected to serious offending. This was carefully planned, you had masks, gloves and weapons."

The judge added that the gang had targeted the property and said it had been "a terrifying experience" for the victims.

He described the offence as "a joint enterprise" and said that Hogan had known what his accomplices were doing.

Hogan, who has other convictions for aggravated burglary involving the theft of £60,000 worth of watches, wounding and assault, pleaded guilty to the robbery on the day his trial was due to start earlier this month.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the couple were robbed by a gang of five or six men one of whom received a 15–year term a year ago after admitting his involvement.

The gang struck at the victim's large home in Parbold mid–evening on October 28, 2013 while they were watching television in a raid described as "sophisticated, planned and well executed."

The couple heard repeated banging at the front door and it was then kicked open and a gang wearing dark clothing burst in demanding to know where the safe was.

The businessman's wife then had a knife with a six–inch blade held to her throat and while she was screaming hysterically in front of him her arms and legs were bound by gaffer tape.

Her husband was frogmarched to the safe in the garage and while there one picked up the victim's screwdriver and as he held this in his mouth, while later helping tie him up with more gaffer tape, his DNA was later found on it.

The raiders grabbed expensive jewellery which also had great sentimental value and an iPhone.

They were not content with the cash from the safe and the businessman, who was kicked in the ribs, found another £700 in the house to appease them. Before leaving with their haul they demanded the keys to his wife's BMW car and drove away in it.

The couple managed to free themselves and raise the alarm and a police officer spotted the car shortly afterwards driving at high speed in Alder Lane, Parbold and gave chase.

The gang abandoned the vehicle, with the engine still running and escaped.

The court heard that the couple had been badly traumatised and have since had to sell up.

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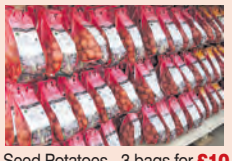

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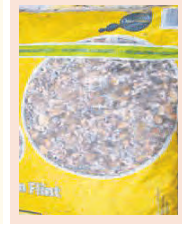

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Rewards scheme for volunteers to be rolled out in West Lancashire

A GROUND–breaking scheme which offers fun and fitness in return for volunteering is coming to West Lancashire.

The Time Credits programme, run by Lancashire County Council in partnership with Spice Innovations, works on a hour–for–hour basis – for every hour a person gives, they earn one printed Time Credit which can then be exchanged for an hour's activity.

This could include anything from time at local leisure centres to football match tickets. Activities are provided by 50 local partners and more than 500 partners nationally.

A Time Credit pilot started in 2012 in Chorley is now run independently by Chorley Council. The full scheme will be rolled out to the rest of the county over the next three years and will be introduced in West Lancashire this year.

Initially, Time Credits will be offered to young people in schools who volunteer to help other pupils improve their emotional wellbeing.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "It's brilliant that I can now announce this scheme being rolled out across Lancashire and that the first phase will be to introduce it in four areas including West Lancashire.

"The great thing about time credit schemes is that they attract people who have never volunteered before, or only occasionally or on a very small scale.

"They get a double benefit, because as well as gaining their time credits, research shows that their own wellbeing will improve as well as the people they're supporting.

"The other great thing about this scheme is that it will help us to build on the strong network of voluntary organisations whose work is so vital in helping us support communities.

"It's another way in which we can improve people's health, particularly in disadvantaged communities across our county."

As well as the young people's mentoring programme, Time Credits will be offered for two other schemes over the next year.

County Councillor Azhar Ali and County Councillor Dorothy Lord holding a large version of a Time Credit

War Horse Walk raises £550 for Lathom Chapel

By Danielle Thompson

MORE than 100 walkers braved wind and rain to commemorate the part that horses played in the First World War on the annual War Horse Walk in Lathom.

The event raised more than £550 towards the upkeep of Lathom Park Chapel.

The walk, from Ormskirk railway station to Lathom Park, was organised by West Lancs Council for Voluntary Services and Visit Sefton to commemorate the thousands of horses that arrived at Ormskirk railway station shortly after the outbreak of war and were led through the country lanes to Lathom Park for training, ready for action in the battlefields of France.

The walk was led by Paul Kenyon, local historian and chairman of Lathom Park Trust, accompanied by mounted officers of Lancashire Constabulary.

He gave an introduction at the outset and commented on local historical features on the way.

He said: "It was good to see so many people venture out on what was a very damp morning.

"It just goes to show the enthusiasm shown for such an event, with people coming from Liverpool, Preston and surrounding districts, people really did join in the community spirit at the chapel.

"On arrival at the historic Lathom Park Chapel, refreshments were served by the chapel committee and participants were able to tour the chapel, taking in its significant history."

The Reverend Lin Camp of Lathom Park Chapel welcomes Lancashire Constabulary's police horse Nelson to Lathom Park for the War Horse Walk

Cadets get a history lesson from 'old boy'

Lawrence Critchley with members of Ormskirk Air Cadets

ORMSKIRK Air Cadets have been given an insight into the history of the former Royal Naval Air Station in Burscough.

Former 1026 Air Cadet Squadron (Ormskirk) member Lawrence Critchley, a local historian, revisited his old squadron to tell them about the air station and to give the cadets an introduction to the Royal Navy Historic Flight.

He also praised the Booths supermarket group for designing their forthcoming store to resemble a World War Two hangar and for the additional Royal Navy heritage that will feature as part of the development.

Lawrence, who is now a honorary member of the Fleet Air Arm Association (FAAA) first joined the squadron in 1973.

The FAAA is a group for people who share a common interest and vocation in naval aviation.

He said: "It was a real pleasure to go back to the unit that was so special to me all those years ago. I was really impressed with the present day cadets and their set–up at their Green Lane headquarters."

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Easter non–emergency healthcare options

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group have announced a range of non–emergency healthcare options available to West Lancs residents over the forthcoming Easter period, including pharmacies, walk–in centres, GP practices and online.

Pharmacies that will be open over Easter are as follows:

Good Friday, April 3:

Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale, tel. 01695 567010 10am to 6pm

Boots, 3b Moor Street, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 578360 10am to 4pm

Boots, 20 The Concourse, Skelmersdale, tel. 01695 725339 10am to 4pm

Fishlocks Chemist, 60 Liverpool Road North, Burscough, tel. 01704 894391 11am to 4pm

Morrisons Pharmacy, Park Road/Aughton Street, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 573289 9am to 1pm and 2 to 6pm

Saturday, April 4

Pharmacies which normally open on Saturday will be open for their usual hours. Please contact your pharmacy for more details.

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Walk–in centres are open at the following times over Easter:

West Lancashire Health Centre, Ormskirk and District General Hospital, Wigan Road GP service 8am to 8pm throughout Easter. Minor injuries 8am to 10pm throughout Easter

Skelmersdale Walk–in Centre, Concourse Shopping Centre, 9am to 5.pm throughout Easter.

Mobile sight loss service comes to borough

A PIONEERING mobile sight loss information service for blind and partially sighted people is coming to Ormskirk and Skelmersdale.

Run by national charity Action for Blind People, it will open its doors to people interested in or affected by visual impairment.

Staffed by a friendly and knowledgeable team, the mobile unit carries the latest technology and gadgets to improve daily life, from vibrating bank note detectors to talking microwaves.

Robert Harris from Action for Blind People's Sight Loss Information Service said: "Everybody is welcome to come along to visit us."

The mobile unit will be situtated near to the clock tower in Ormskirk town centre's pedestrian area on Wednesday, April 8 from 10am to 4pm.

And on Thursday, April 9 it will be situated outside the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale, again from 10am to 4pm.

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Canal stretch is pride of Lions after clean–up operation

Volunteers with some of the 'litter' that they collected during their canal clean–up

Report by
Danielle Thompson

A STRETCH of the Leeds–Liverpool Canal in West Lancashire is a whole lot cleaner – thanks to the efforts of a group of hard–working volunteers.

Members of the Douglas Valley Lions were joined by staff from the Canal and River Trust for a 'litter–pick' at the canal's Appley Bridge Lock number 91.

Their haul of assorted rubbish included traffic cones, a kitchen worktop, two car wheels, four tyres, plastic chair, paint tins, metal sheets, timber and six bags of bottles and cans!

The Parbold–based Lions adopted a stretch of the waterway between Parbold Moorings and Appley Bridge in 2012 as part of the Canal & River Trust's 'adopt a canal' programme.

Since the start of the scheme, monthly towpath taskforce clean–up events have taken place including litter–picking along the towpath, painting locks, clearing graffiti and refurbishing community noticeboards.

Communities across England & Wales were invited to adopt one to two–mile lengths of canals or rivers to help transform some of the trust's 2,000 miles of waterways.

The Lions are now part of a growing network of more than 85 groups helping to protect the UK's inland waterway system.

While the trust still owns the canal and carries out essential multi–million pound year–round maintenance, adoption groups help with towpath improvements, cut back vegetation and remove litter and graffiti, improving the overall appearance.

Douglas Valley Lions spokesperson, Alan Trevarton, said: "We take a lot of pride in our local canal and the main aim for us has been to try and keep the banks litter–free and create a welcoming space for local people to enjoy. Littering and fly–tipping is mindless and disgraceful and people should really take more care when discarding their rubbish. It can build up very quickly so we just ask that people show a bit more respect and help us and the Canal & River Trust protect this beautiful environment."

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Just three weeks left to register to vote

WITH the countdown to the General Election and local elections on May 7 now beginning in earnest, West Lancs Council is once again urging local residents to make sure they are registered to vote before the deadline of Monday, April 20.

As a national advertising campaign is launched by the Electoral Commission to encourage voter registration, the local authority is encouraging people to register by visiting www.gov.uk/register–to–vote.

The council is also running a number of activities to encourage residents to register. These include sending letters to every home in West Lancashire with a list of who is registered to vote at that property. The letters also give details of how to register if someone's name is not on that list.

In addition, council staff have visited Edge Hill University and West Lancashire College to encourage students to register. Those who reach the age of 18 on or before Thursday, May 7 can vote in the elections, but must be on the register.

For more information on elections and registering to vote you can also visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

Gill Rowe, returning officer for West Lancashire, said: "Time is running short to make sure you can take part in the elections, so I'd encourage everyone in West Lancashire to take action now if they aren't registered to vote.

"Our message is simple – you can't vote if you aren't registered by April 20.

"It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes online at www.gov.uk/register–to–vote.

"If you're not sure whether you are on the register, please check."

Residents can check whether they're registered to vote by calling 01695 585014.

Recent research conducted by YouGov for the Electoral Commission found that: • 21% of people who rent privately think they're automatically registered to vote if they pay council tax; • 40% of those surveyed think it is not possible to register to vote online in England, Scotland and Wales; • 69% do not know the deadline to register to vote, with 13% thinking it is already too late to register.

Council responds to cemetery petition

WEST Lancs Council has responded to the petition presented to Parliament by Rosie Cooper calling on the government to urge them to provide burial and cremation services in the borough.

A council told the Champion: "Planning permission has been granted for the development of land at Pippin Street, Burscough for a cemetery and crematorium to meet the needs of West Lancashire. Discussions with the site owner have been positive and the council's understanding is that work will shortly commence on the implementation of the project.

"The council are, however, equally happy to engage in discussions with other organisations and landowners who would like to bring forward proposals for cemetery provision in the borough."

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Scouts launch bid to raise £90,000 to refurbish historic HQ

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

OFFICIALS of the Ormskirk Scouts Association have launched an appeal to raise the £90,000 needed to complete the modernisation of their historic headquarters.

The association, which caters for around 1,500 young people aged from six to 25 across the West Lancashire area, has been granted permission to refurbish its district HQ in Hall Lane, Lathom.

But although the Scouts have already raised £50,000 to date, they need another £90,000 to make their dream a reality.

The Hall Lane site has an interesting history.

During the First World War it was utilised as a demounting base for horse–riding soldiers.

And later in the 20th century it played host to famous stars of the entertainment world, including Noel Coward and Ivor Novello, when they were guests of the Earl of Lathom who owned the building.

Some of them are believed to have performed on a stage which is still in the Scout headquarters – although it is in a dilapidated condition and, it's thought, has not been used for at least 20 years.

Plans for the refurbishment of the building would see this stage replaced with a mobile stage which could be used for occasions including presentations but dismantled when not in use to free up space.

Tony Charnock, district chairman of Ormskirk Scouts Association, said: "This building, which was part of a former World War One depot at Lathom Hall and is more than 100 years old, can now be refurbished and modernised to create a modern facility which can meet the needs of the Scouts and also be available to the local community of Lathom, who currently do not have a village hall.

The Scout headquarters on Hall Lane

"The plans were approved at the March planning committee meeting of the local council and the Scouts, who are a registered charity, are now looking to raise the funds needed to make their plans a reality.

"Over the last 10 years the Scouts have themselves raised £50,000 towards the cost of this refurbishment but still require an additional £90,000 to make their dream come true. They are seeking to do this through their own continued fundraising and also through grant applications and local sponsorship and donations.

"We are appealing to any individuals or local companies who are able to support these young people to have a headquarters that will cater for their needs. All donations – large or small, in cash or in kind – would be greatly received."

Anyone able to help can contact Tony Charnock on 01257 462568 or by email at tonycharnock@hotmail.com.

Restaurant plan for town centre shop site

A PLANNING application for a change of use from retail to a restaurant or cafe has been submitted to West Lancs Council with regards to the Shoe Zone shop in Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

The design and access statement for the plans states: "The premises are due to be shortly vacated by the current retail occupier and it is believed that the change of use will improve the overall vitality and viability of the primary shopping centre in which the property is situated."

The council is expected to make a decision on the application by Thursday, May 21.

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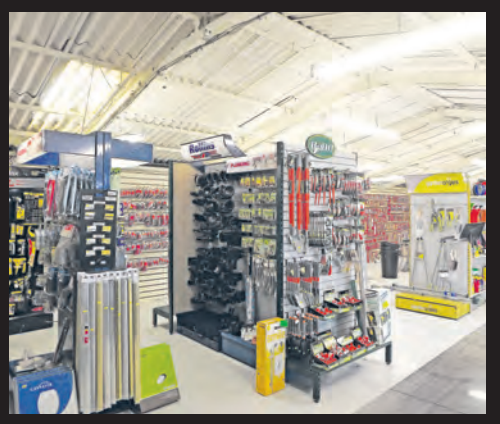

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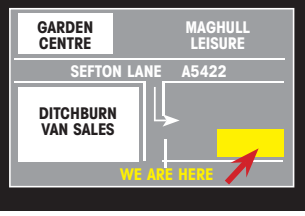

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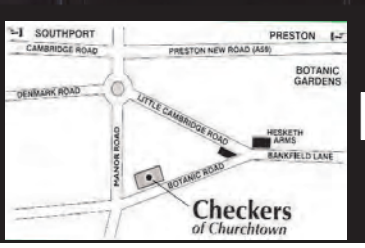

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Bid to cut cycling casualties on county's roads

£500,000 earmarked for improved safety at key junctions – including two in borough

LANCASHIRE County Council is to spend half a million pounds to cut cycling casualties around the county.

Improvement work will take place at 13 key junctions – including two in West Lancashire – in a bid to reduce the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured on the county's roads.

The new schemes include a range of different measures such as new pedestrian crossings, off–road cycle lanes, improved cycle lanes on roundabouts and improved road markings.

A complete partial off–road cycle facility costing nearly £16,000 will be installed at the A59 Northway/Winifred Lane roundabout in Aughton.

And more than £63,000 has been earmarked for work at the Exchange Island roundabout junction of Railway Road and Winstanley Road in Skelmersdale to include a segregated cycle facility or potential shared route for cyclists and pedestrians.

County Councillor Fillis

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "It's really important that we prioritise this work to make cycling a much safer option for people. We've looked at the locations where there have been a high number of incidents involving cyclists and we've developed plans to try to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future. We want to encourage cycling as it helps to reduce congestion and pollution and has many positive health benefits."

Design is expected to start on the schemes this month with public consultation in the autumn. Work on the ground is likely to take place next year.

The decision to prioritise these schemes followed a report to the county council's scrutiny committee last year, which stated that there was an increase in the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured – from 68 to 100 between 2012 and 2013. In particular, there was a substantial increase in the 26 to 64 year–old age group. This is in part due to the fact that the number of journeys by bike had increased substantially over this period.

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Community service awards for young football coaches

Joe Flight and Will Lomax are presented with their certificates by the Douglas Valley Lions' president David Pryer at one of their football training sessions

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A PAIR of teenagers who have given up their spare time to organise a Saturday football club for youngsters aged between four and 11 have been recognised for their efforts by receiving a community volunteering award from a charitable trust.

Burscough Priory Science College pupils, 15–year–old Joe Flight and his friend Will Lomax, 16, set up the club in January 2013 after realising there were no suitable clubs in the village for their respective younger brothers, five–year–old Ezra and six–year–old Charlie.

They approached parents of pupils at their former junior school, Newburgh CE Primary, to see if there would be any interest in starting a club and two years later it's still going strong with 25 children attending every week.

Now the pals' efforts have earned them recognition by officials of the Douglas Valley Lions, a charitable trust based in Newburgh which helps communities in the North West.

Joe and Will have been awarded Gold Seal awards as part of the Lions' Young Leaders in Service scheme.

The scheme recognises volunteers in the community aged 12 to 18 who have completed community service. The Gold Seal award is given to those who have completed 100 hours of volunteering in the local community.

Lions' president, David Pryer, who presented the awards, said: "When Douglas Valley Lions Club became aware of the football coaching sessions being provided by Joe and Will it immediately occurred to us that this was the kind of project that could qualify for recognition with the Young Leaders in Service scheme.

"Further investigation established that not only had Joe and Will been providing the service for sufficient hours to qualify for the Gold Seal award but more significantly they had established the need for it and determined to try and satisfy that need without any prompting from adults and have been working entirely within their own parameters and setting their own standards, which to our mind makes it all the more worthy of recognition.

"Douglas Valley Lions Club are very pleased, therefore, to be able to mark Joe and Will's efforts by awarding both of them the Gold Seal award and present them with certificates to both acknowledge but more importantly honour their achievement in providing their time and skill sets for the benefit of the young people in this area."

Headteacher of Newburgh CE Primary, Mrs J. Reynolds added: "Joseph and Will have shown a maturity beyond their years in returning to their old primary school to run a Saturday football club. All of the children who attend the club thoroughly enjoy it and the boys are absolutely fantastic with the pupils."

Council emphasise 'hub' proposal is just one option for bus station site development

WEST Lancs Council have stressed that the proposal by Conservative councillors for a possible multi–million pound 'hub' for Ormskirk town centre, as revealed in last week's Champion, is just one option for the site which has not been commented upon by the authority's officers or officially appraised for deliverability.

A press release issued by West Lancs Conservative group said the proposed regeneration scheme for the Moor Street bus station site could include a new Chapel Gallery facility, small business units, a café, visitor information centre and residential properties.

However, a spokesman for West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "The bus station in Ormskirk is owned by the borough council. The county council has previously indicated that it was proposing to invest in the refurbishment of the bus station and the borough council has written to the county council asking for confirmation of their proposals in this regard.

"Senior members have also asked for a feasibility report on a potential Moor Street Gateway Project, to look at complementary forms of development to a new and enhanced bus station, to be brought to cabinet as appropriate. Any such future scheme would need to comply with the policies set out in the West Lancashire Local Plan.

"The images released to the press in the recent Conservative group statement are concept sketches which give an idea as to one option of what could potentially be accommodated on the site and these have not been commented upon by officers or appraised for deliverability at this stage."

New children's play area swings into action!

Report by
Danielle Thompson

Pictured at the launch of the new play area are Lordsgate Township CE Primary School pupils with deputy headteacher Steven Allday and council officials and rangers.

A NEW play area for children aged between five and eight is now 'open for business' at one of the borough's most popular parks.

West Lancs Council recently completed worked on the fenced–off area at Richmond Park, Burscough, which complements the existing older children's play area and outdoor gym facility.

The new play area includes a pirate galleon ship with a tube slide, basket swing, twin flat swings, two spring mobiles, a see–saw and an orbiter spinner, a type of turntable roundabout.

The design for the play area was drawn up following consultations between the council and pupils from the neighbouring Lordsgate Township CE Primary School who were very creative with their ideas.

A selection of playground suppliers were then invited to submit designs with the children choosing the winning design.

Councillor David Sudworth, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "I am really pleased that work has now been completed on this play area. The pupils from Lordsgate Township CE Primary School did a great job in choosing the winning design and I am sure they and other children from the area will enjoy using the play area for many years to come."

Chris Hackett, headteacher at Lordsgate Primary School, said: "The children really enjoyed taking part in the consultation exercise for the new play area and have learned a lot from it. They are pleased with the results and very excited about playing on something they helped to create."

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Surely retaining ticket office at Burscough Bridge Interchange would be a benefit for all

RE: The Ormskirk Champion front page story, 'Burscough Bridge Interchange plan is just the ticket' (March 25) it appears that Lancashire County Council are now giving serious consideration to Councillor Cynthia Dereli's idea of relocating the library to the building to help with the financial possibility of retaining the ticket office.

I've also heard that there are a couple more parties interested in the possibility of using the building. It's just a pity that Lancashire County Council hadn't been able to find someone or organisation to use the extra space in the building before we got to this stage.

There has been talk around the village for the last few years of people showing an interest in renting the old cafe but struggling to get any sort of response from the council.

Anyhow, it's all about what happens next and can the general public carry on supporting the idea of finding a use for the rest of the building whilst retaining the ticket office.

Maybe the combined campaigning of everyone who has been involved has taken some of the county councillors a bit by surprise because, as we know, this all started from a proposal buried deep in a consultation document.

Questions

It seems that we have about a year to reverse the decision to shut the ticket office so maybe we need to carry on asking the questions of our politicians, especially for the next few weeks in the run–up to the election, though I must say that Rosie Cooper has been asking questions on my behalf, with a reply arriving the other day from Claire Perry, under–secretary of state at the Department of Transport who focuses on the re–letting of the Northern and TransPennine Express franchises and says "passengers will be at the heart of them".

I wonder if David Burrows the county council leader is now wishing he hadn't supported the possibility of shutting the ticket office at Burscough Bridge, especially now that a report has been produced that could see the Southport to Wigan line electrified by 2024?

Surely it would be better with a proactive ticket office staff as we have now so everybody – the travelling public, the train operator and the country's economy – benefits from increased train usage?

Colin Wareing,
Burscough

THANK goodness the Burscough Bridge interchange ticket office might be saved.

I would not be able to travel to see my grandchildren without the help of Phil and the other staff.

I know people that actually travel to Burscough ticket office specifically for help in organising travel details. Travelling long distances can be daunting for some people, especially pensioners like myself.

I will be so relieved if the Burscough interchange is kept open – add my name to the petition.

Mrs Margaret Burnett, by email

PICTURE of the week

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It was a happy shopping day for Waterloo grandmother Carol George after she won a three minute trolley dash around the Netto store in Ormskirk in a Champion competition. She filled her trolley with over £420 worth of items. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1079277.

Top engineer has all the answers to pollution risk fears of fracking 'nimbys'

TO the Luddites and 'nimbys', quoting so–called experts, readers of the Times may have noticed the reported comments of Rebecca Lynn, a leading engineer at the University of Strathclyde, recently named as one of ten outstanding women in Scotland.

She accuses the Scottish government of ignoring the advice of scientific institutions and its own working group by declaring a moratorium on fracking, despite evidence that, if properly regulated, it poses little environmental risk and quotes the 50 years of fracking in the US which, until recently, nobody noticed. Where water has been polluted it has been from poorly–regulated and unlined wells, and as to causing earthquakes, "it is not scientifically possible"!

She suggests that by delaying the introduction of fracking we risk future supplies and will have to rely on importing fracked gas fom possibly volatile areas and unfriendly governments.

One thing would seem certain, Rebecca Lynn is arguing for her country and not her property.

**Ed Dickinson,
Ormskirk**

My son was prevented from entering job centre by a 'security guard'

I AM writing with regard to the article you published last week (March 25) regarding DWP using security guards at Skelmersdale Job Centre.

My 19–year–old son is currently a student at West Lancs College and is trying to find part–time work. Two weeks ago he went to the job centre at Whelmar House to see if he could find work and ring an agency number he had spotted on the government jobsite.

He was stopped before he even got through the doors by what he described as a security guard. The guard asked him what he wanted and he said to find a job and ring about an agency job.

The security guard said 'no, you can't come in, we have no phones'.

I found this totally disgusting that a young lad who wants work and is trying was turned away before he could even step inside and look for work.

M. N., by email

Are two schemes good news for Skelmersdale?

REGARDING the news of St Modwen's successful application for development, is this really good news for Skelmersdale?

Yes, as it has finally been noticed that we need improvement for the town, and no, as the Concourse have had the same plans approved too and have started work on the centre!

Why accept the Concourse's plans for cinema and restaurant facilities and then agree that we need another cinema, restaurants and more shops right next to them?

Looking at the plans for St Modwen, this is not a 'high street' as promised, but a retail park, attracting the SAME shops (as quoted in plans) as those we already have in the Concourse.

If new/different shops were going to this 'retail park' then maybe there would be need for more retail facilities. However, if they are the same shops then why bother?

Will this be another waste of time, with the same story as everywhere else, having empty units after 12/18 months? When you look at the Concourse, Skelmersdale struggles to attract big–name shops.

On a positive note, let's hope these plans by St Modwen and the Concourse work hand–in–hand, as what would be gained if people's livelihoods are put into jeopardy and hundreds lost their jobs and businesses at the Concourse.

P. Davies, by email

St Modwen plan looks more like a retail park

REGARDING the news in the Skelmersdale Champion (March 25) is it me or does the new town centre regeneration scheme put forward by St Modwen and depicted by an artist's impression in the columns of your newspaper look more like a retail park than a conventional town centre?

It's the type of layout that can be seen at Aintree Racecourse Retail Park, Liverpool or Robin Retail Park, Wigan and many other such sites across the country.

Yes, the layout shown does have its benefits – seemingly with the motorist in mind – but I am not so sure the same benefits apply for we common or garden pedestrians.

As for the structures themselves, they look more like factories and warehouse depots than shopping and leisure facilities and, more to the point, are ugly, box–like monstrosities.

I suppose we in Skelmersdale should be grateful for whatever we are given, but if HRH The Prince of Wales saw these plans I am sure he would repeat his condemnation of the extension to the National Gallery in London by calling these proposals a monstrous carbuncle.

Bill Clarke, by email

'Monstrous' hub!

RE: The proposed new town centre 'hub' (Champion, March 25) whilst wholeheartedly agreeing that the bus station is not beautiful and redevelopment would be progress, surely to replace it with what would appear to be two monstrous cabins, balanced on some kind of oversizedbuilding block is in no way in keeping with the scale or spirit of Ormskirk?

Surely something more visually appealing could be designed?

Why not have a competition to design a scheme and let West Lancashire residents vote for the winner?

Christine Williams, Burscough

More new recruits sign up for Dementia Friends

Volunteers at the latest Dementia Friends training session

MORE West Lancashire recruits have joined the Alzheimer's Society's national Dementia Friends campaign.

Dementia Friends was launched this year to help members of the public learn about what it's like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action.

The Alzheimer's Society is aiming to have two million Dementia Friends by 2016, to help make England more dementia friendly and improve the lives of the 670,000 people currently living with the condition.

Staff from the Brookside Living housing development, Mere Brook daytime support service for people with dementia and Brooke's Bistro in Ormskirk joined staff and customers from Asda in Skelmersdale for a Dementia Friends training day held by local Dementia Champion Joe Sherville at the superstore and at Brookside.

Joe said: "I was so pleased to see people showing their support for people with dementia by coming along to the session and becoming Dementia Friends. We need to create more communities and businesses that are dementia friendly so that people affected by dementia feel understood and included."

Emma Cornmell, Dementia Friends regional support officer at the Alzheimer's Society, said: "Whether you attend a face–to–face session or watch the online video, Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts."

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Welcome boost for animal sanctuary

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Woodlands links up with garden centre but help still needed after busy winter

A WEST Lancashire animal charity has received a welcome boost to its much–needed fundraising efforts after linking up with a company in Southport.

Dobbies Garden Centre has named the Woodland Animal Sanctaury in Holmeswood as its new charity partner for the year ahead.

The news will come as a huge lift to staff at the sanctuary who just this week renewed appeals for more money to help them cope with looking after all their creatures great and small.

Volunteers at Woodlands say they have already experienced a busy start to 2015 and need urgent donations to help them continue their hard work.

The sanctuary, in Sandy Lane, say the busy start can be blamed on a seemingly never–ending kitten season at the end of 2014.

Huge task

A spokesperson told the Champion: "We have overwintered 63 hedgehogs and reared more than 40 kittens since November. As you can imagine this has been a huge task, both physically and financially. The sanctuary looks after more than 400 animals of all different species on a daily basis.

"Our daily running costs stand at more than £400 a day. The sanctuary has seen a huge increase in incoming calls to take unwanted pets of all species but mainly cats.

"Due to the increase in animal admissions and decrease in donations we are now running on our reserve funds. If you can help us out in anyway we would be most grateful."

The news comes at the same time as Dobbies Garden Centre in Kew announced Woodlands as its new Local Charity Partner for 2015.

Hedgehogs are just one of the many animals Woodlands cares for

Community members were asked to nominate charities which were then invited to apply for the partnership, with other charities applying directly.

The partnership will see Dobbies Southport pair up with Woodlands Animal Sanctuary for the company's financial year ahead.

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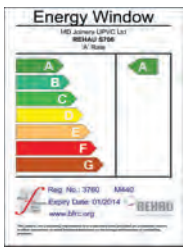

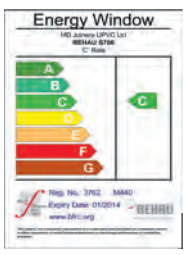

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Civic salute for guild milestone

ONE of West Lancashire's longest–established organisations has celebrated its 84th anniversary with a civic presentation.

Members of the Ormskirk Evening Townswomen's Guild went along to the West Lancs Council offices in Derby Street, Ormskirk where they were presented with a special commemorative plaque to mark the milestone by the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and Councillor Ruth Melling.

The group, which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 7.30pm at New Church House, Church Street, is one of more than 700 branches of the Townswomen's Guild in the UK.

The movement was formed in 1929, when women first won the right to vote, with the aim of educating women about good citizenship.

The first four branches were set up in that year and the Ormskirk branch came into being two years later.

• RIGHT: Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and Councillor Ruth Melling, with Ormskirk Evening Townswomens Guild chair Mavis Sanderson and members at the event to mark their 84th anniversary. Code1078688

Abigail's the bee's knees!

Abigail Reade receives her Highly Commended award from the High Sheriff, Doctor Barry Johnson

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A YOUNG woman who campaigns to save bees from being exterminated has been nominated for a county–wide award and invited to give her views on a panel set up to advise young people on helping to improve developing countries.

Abigail Reade is a communications officer for the Tree Bee Society, a non–profit community group which protects British bees, and also director at TRG Pest Control in Burscough.

When the pest control company gets a call from a resident about a bees nest they remove them from the property and aim to re–home them with a volunteer. Last year they had a waiting list of more than 70 volunteers keen to give bees a home!

Abigail was nominated for the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen of the Year Award for her efforts earlier this year, eventually earning a Highly Commended citation for her conservation work.

And the 24–year–old was also invited by the International Citizen Service to attend a panel discussion on how 18 to 25–year–olds can contribute to long–term projects in 28 developing countries.

Abigail herself volunteered on a three–month scheme two years ago, helping to building sanitation facilities for a village in El Zapote, Nicaragua.

She said: "To be invited to sit on a panel with so many experts from different industries was exciting and fantastic. It was really interesting to hear about how charities, organisations, governments and big businesses could work together to alleviate poverty and find solutions to youth unemployment which makes societies unstable across the globe.

"It was also an honour to be nominated for the Young Citizen of the Year award and was amazing to meet the other nominees."

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New deal for 'dial–ride' services

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Five companies in the county operate community transport services – 'on demand' buses and cars schemes that provide a door–to–door service for people who can't use conventional buses or live too far from bus routes.

Their successful bid under a consortium called Lancashire Community Transport, which includes West Lancashire Dial–A–Ride, guarantees funding for dial–a–ride bus services and community car schemes until April 2018. These will be provided alongside the existing Travelcare services run by Lancashire County Council's in–house operator.

County Councillor John Fillis, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Community transport provides a lifeline for many people to go to the doctors, shopping or meet up with family and friends. It's targeted particularly at older and disabled people.

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County council to bring in permit system for building waste disposal

PEOPLE who want to dispose of construction and demolition waste for free at Lancashire County Council's recycling centres from June are being reminded they need to apply for a permit.

The council is bringing in a permit system to limit how much construction and demolition waste people can dispose of for free at household waste recycling centres, with charges being applied for any extra. Residents can apply for a permit now to be ready for the new system which begins on June 1.

The council needs to save £315m by April 2018 as a result of central government funding cuts, at the same time as costs and demand for services continue to rise. The new policy will help to reduce the estimated £750,000 annual cost of dealing with 'inert' waste such as soil, rubble, ceramics such as toilets and sinks, and plasterboard.

Residents can apply for a free permit allowing them to dispose of up to 10 25kg bags of construction and demolition a year without charge. A charge of £3.50 per 25kg bag or equivalent item will be applied for any further waste, or for any waste delivered without a permit.

Permits are valid for a calendar year, or until the free allowance has been used.

County Councillor Janice Hanson, Lancashire's cabinet member for public protection and waste, said: "Our household waste recycling centres are primarily for people to recycle and dispose of normal household waste free of charge, which is a statutory duty for all waste disposal authorities.

"However, our current service also allows unlimited free disposal of wastes which include rubble, soil and plasterboard, amongst others, which isn't a statutory duty. This is proving very expensive for the council to deal with and unfortunately something we can't continue to do in the present financial climate.

"The new permit system will encourage people to be responsible by allowing for free disposal of a reasonable amount of this waste, allowing completion of small–scale DIY projects without charge."

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Artist's debut show will boost charity

Andrew Johnson with one of his works.

GRAPHIC designer turned artist Andrew Johnson is holding his début exhibition in Ormskirk this month with part of the proceeds from any sales going to charity.

The 41–year–old previously designed computer games for children with special educational needs before deciding to forge a new career as an artist.

Now his exhibition of seascapes, landscapes and animation/cartoon pieces is to be held at The Villa coffee shop on Southport Road every Sunday in April starting this Sunday, April 5.

And Andrew will be donating 20% of sales of his artwork to the Angel Starfish Project which helps children in Africa by providing human resources, buildings and facilities and advice and information services. He said: "My cousin, Elaine Maloney, is one of the founders of the project so I decided to donate 20% of my sales to the charity."

Singers wanted for Good Friday service

EUNICE Woof MBE is calling on singers to perform at a service at Christ Church in Aughton on Good Friday, April 3.

The singing coach and music tutor is holding a performance of John Stainer's Crucifixion and singers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

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Health chiefs hope TV plot will help shed light on male mental illness

HEALTH chiefs in the borough believe an ongoing storyline in one of the country's most popular TV programmes could help local men to focus on mental health issues.

The NHS in West Lancashire hopes that the Coronation Street storyline of character Steve McDonald coming to terms with depression – the most common mental health disorder in the UK – will make men consider their own concerns.

In the soap, Steve struggles to accept that depression can happen to someone like him.

Every year in the UK over 4,500 men kill themselves. Suicide is now the single biggest cause of death in men aged 20 to 49 in England and Wales, with men accounting for 78 per cent of all suicides in the UK while female suicide rates are declining.

Generally, men don't always feel comfortable talking about their mental health concerns due to the stigma associated with it, which means illnesses like depression and anxiety can go undetected and untreated.

Actor Simon Gregson whose TV character is suffering from depression

Depression affects how you think and feel about yourself but, like a physical illness, depression can be managed with treatment. Signs and symptoms can include all or some of the following:

- Lack of interest in work, hobbies and doing things you normally enjoy
- Low energy levels and lack of motivation
- Trouble sleeping
- Sleeping too much
- Lack of concentration
- Increased anxiety
- Anger or irritability

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health conditions in the UK. Stress and feelings of anxiety are to be expected in stressful situations, the feeling normally goes away after that situation has passed. With an anxiety disorder, these feelings don't go away. Signs and symptoms include hot and cold flushes; racing heart; tightening of the chest; and compulsive behaviour

Dr John Caine, chair of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group said: "Men are often less likely to talk about their wellbeing – psychological or physical – thinking there is a stigma of appearing week or vulnerable. We want men to feel confident enough to talk openly about any concerns they have about their mental health so they're not suffering in silence."

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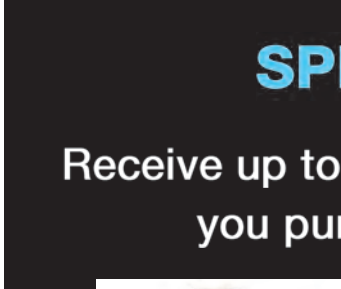

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7 Days A Week

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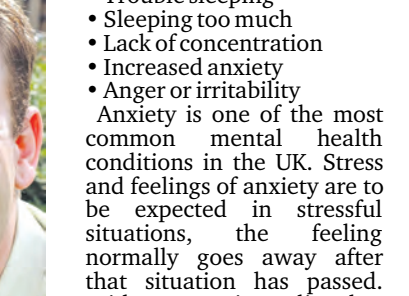
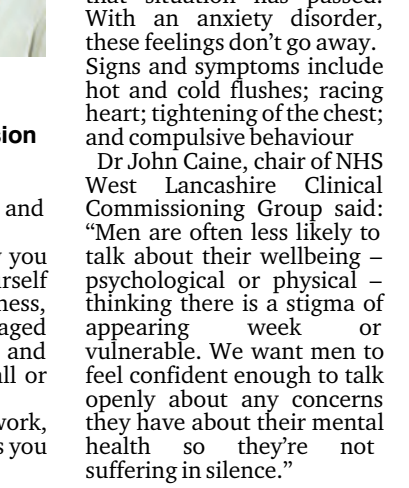
Our Veterinary Surgeons, Rufford Veterinary Practice provide a 24 hour on-call service.

Our Facebook page is updated on a daily basis with pics of your happy pets enjoying their stay with us giving you complete peace of mind that they're doing just fine.

All we ask is that all cats are fully vaccinated before joining us!

We want you to be absolutely sure that Woodlands Cat Hotel is the perfect choice and we welcome viewings any day of the week. We are very proud of our facilities so please give us a call on 01704 822828





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Closing date 30th April 2015

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T&C's. Closing date 30th April 2015. Judges decision is final. Only small animals may enter and the competition excludes dogs of all breeds.

Public can now request info directly from Network Rail

PASSENGERS and the public can now request information directly from the authority which runs Britain's rail infrastructure for the first time.

Justice Minister Simon Hughes welcomed the move to bring Network Rail under the Freedom of Information Act as increasing transparency for taxpayers and passengers alike.

He said: "I am delighted Network Rail is now covered by FOI. I know that passengers will benefit from this change.

"Network Rail should be accountable to those who rely on it, so if things do not run smoothly passengers have the chance to ask questions of those in charge."

Network Rail maintains more than 20,000 miles of track in Britain and was re–classified as a public sector body in September last year and will now be subject to FOI in relation to its public functions.

Under the new rules people will be able to ask Network Rail for information about some of the UK's busiest and biggest stations, as well as the impact of engineering work across the country.

Winning ways...

THE lucky winners of the Champion's competition to win a pair of tickets to see Anything Goes at the Liverpool Empire were Angela Willis, of Thornton, Liverpool, Bob Ryan from Southport, Lindsey Billinge from Bootle, Don Satterthwaite from Bootle and Jane Robinson from Maghull.

And the winner of our Cinderella competition to win merchandise worth £100 and a family ticket to see the film at Odeon Switch Island, was Michelle Rooney from Maghull.

Military vehicle cavalcade set to roll into village again

THE popular Heaton's Bridge Military Weekend returns this month.

South Cumbria and North Lancashire Military Vehicle Trust group members and friends are hosting the free, family–friendly, open rally at the Heaton's Bridge Inn, Scarisbrick on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19l.

Held several times a year, the weekend–long events feature military vehicles from all eras from World War Two onwards.

Vehicles on show will include a Mighty Antar Tank transporter/trailer and Abbot self–propelled gun, Howitzer field gun, Foden Gun crew–bus, Landrovers, Jeeps, four–tonne trucks and armoured personnel carriers.

Group member Paul Connolly said: "There will also be a 25–pounder field gun rig belonging to Frank and Angie Brown, our secretary, comprising a Morris Quad tractor unit, which tows an ammunition limber behind, and the field gun itself behind that. They will demonstrate firing drills using primer caps.

Members of the South Cumbria and North Lancs Military Vehicle Trust at the last rally in October Code1073398

"The inn is located on the canal at Heatons Bridge and the grounds still retain the World War Two freestanding brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions. Anyone with a military vehicle of their own would be welcome to join us over the weekend, even if they are not members of the Miltary Vehicle Trust."

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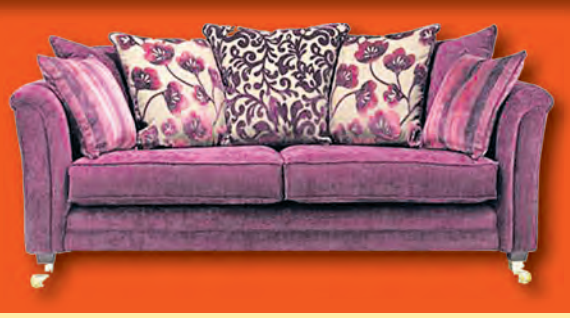

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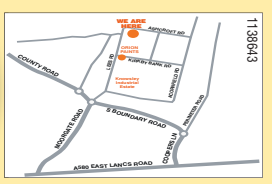

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Cheque joy for Breathe Easy Group

THERE was a pleasant surprise for members of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group at their March meeting when they were presented with a cheque for £500 by Hazel Lawrenson, president of Ormskirk Rotary Club.

The generous donation was much appreciated and will be put to good use to help respiratory patients in the area.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Chris McManus, one of the team of three respiratory consultants looking after patients at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.

The meeting was well attended and Chris proved a popular and entertaining speaker, answering members' questions for a full hour.

He explained that there had been a 30% increase in A&E admissions over the winter throughout the country and said Southport and Ormskirk hospitals were no exception.

He also spoke of valuable research being done on respiratory diseases such as pulmonary fibrosis. And he offered interesting insights into the complexity of respiratory diseases, including lung cancer, and added that some new drugs, while not being a 'cure' as such, can raise the survival rate for some types of cancer of the lung, so therapy must always be targeted to the particular patient.

However, he deeply regretted that lung cancer remained a 'poor relation' in terms of attracting fewer research funds and publicity than many other forms of the disease.

Hazel Lawrenson, president of Ormskirk Rotary Club, presents a cheque for £500 to Harry Thacker chairman of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group

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County's £48m road repairs programme

LANCASHIRE County Council has agreed a £23m programme of repairs and improvements for roads, streetlights and bridges in the county in the next year.

And a further £25m will be invested over the next three years following successful bids to government for extra funding announced by the Department for Transport.

MP backs change in law on pets killed on road

ROSIE Cooper has pledged support for a campaign to ensure that owners are notified if their pets are killed on the road.

She spoke out in parliament in support of Harvey's Law, which aims to reinstate the requirement for the Highways Agency and its contractors to identify and record domestic animals killed on the road network.

Transport minister John Hayes has now said that pets killed on roads will have to be collected, identified and their owners notified by the Highways Agency.

The campaign followed the case of a dog called Harvey whose owners spent three months searching for him only to discover he had been killed on the M62 just 20 minutes after going missing. Although Henry's body had been found it had not been scanned for a micropchip.

The campaign gathered more than 120,000 signatures for an e–petition requesting legislation to enforce compulsory scanning of all domestic animals retrieved from the highways and details recorded.

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Located on the lower ground floor is the massive new look Lighting, Picture and Mirror department offering hundreds of all the latest designs on display for you to select at your leisure, with many exclusive to Rapid!

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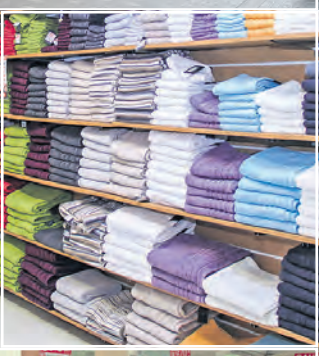

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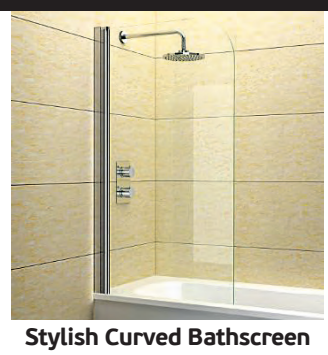

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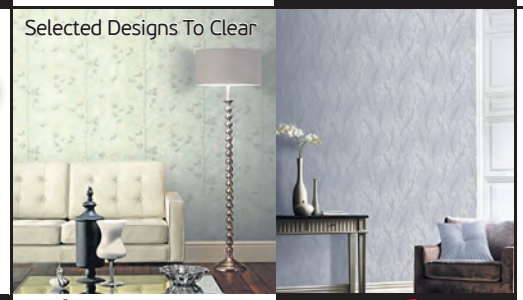

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WIN! a Super Car Thrill Experience

Champ reader can take the wheel of an Aston Martin, Ferrari and Lamborghini to celebrate release of Fast & Furious 7 at Odeon Switch Island

FAST & Furious 7 is on the way and to celebrate the movie's release the Champion has teamed up with Odeon Switch Island to give Champ readers the chance to win a fantastic prize of a 'Super Car Thrill Experience'* plus tickets to see the film.

Continuing the global exploits in the unstoppable franchise built on speed, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson lead the returning cast of Fast & Furious 7.

James Wan directs this chapter of the hugely successful series that also welcomes back favourites Michelle Rodriguez, Jordana Brewster, Tyrese Gibson, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Elsa Pataky and Lucas Black.

Fast & Furious 7 is released on Friday, April 3 at ODEON Switch Island.

With the need for speed in mind, the Super Car Thrill Experience will involve a thrilling ride in an Aston Martin, Ferrari and Lamborghini – three of the most famous, iconic and most sought after car brand names in the world.

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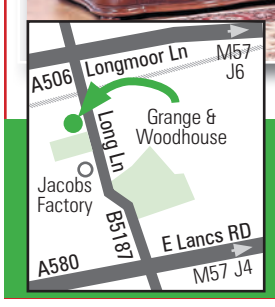

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Cooper votes for plain packaging on tobacco products

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Ms Cooper said: "I have long believed that standardised packaging should be introduced. Experts say it will make children less likely to take up smoking and therefore ultimately save lives.

"Standardised packaging is also supported by health campaigners, the chief medical officer and the government's own reviews. I know from the large number of letters and e–mails I have received that there is also strong public support for this.

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Political correctness has muzzled debate in UK

I WAS really heartened recently when no lesser man than former equalities 'tsar' Trevor Phillips admitted he had been wrong to espouse multiculturalism.

As former chairman of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, Trevor Phillips, himself a black former politician, thought it was the way forward.

Instead he now agrees that communities have become more insular and that great harm has been done to race relations.

He also now says the culture of political correctness has effectively muzzled debate because people are terrified of being accused of racism.

To my mind, people of all colours and races should be treated the same and anybody wishing to live in this country should learn to speak and read English.

Just try emigrating to France and stoically refusing to learn French and see how far you get!

Trouble is, Trevor Phillips may have realised his mistake – but I am very much afraid it is already too late to undo the damage done. In this case, a whole industry has been attracted to the idea of multiculturalism and have dragged bodies such as the BBC and, to an extent, the police, with them.

And I am afraid it is not only in the case of race relations and immigration that we have lost control of our borders, metaphorically speaking.

Everywhere you turn you can see important changes taking place in our living environment, changes about which we, the general public, are rarely properly consulted.

Just look at the proliferation of 20mph speed limits.

Their original purpose, to slow traffic in specific, quite small, areas (particularly schools) was patently good.

But only a year ago that is where you'd find them.

Everybody, including me, welcomed the 20mph limits in their original form.

But did anyone ask you if you wanted blanket bans on ordinary roads (or quiet residential cul–de–sacs) where I would defy any driver to go any faster?

The outcome has almost always been led by quite small unaccountable pressure groups, always, of course, with our best interests at heart.

It seems to me that we are heading rapidly for an Orwellian kind of society (and he was less than three decades out when he wrote '1984') where anything that isn't compulsory is banned and anything not banned is compulsory.

Also we are too often complicit in this process.

Politicians decided again 'for our own good' to have cigarettes hidden away behind shutters so shop assistants can play a kind of parlour game trying to find if they do indeed sell 'x' – and it they do, where are they?

What fun we'll have if they every extend that one to cover alcohol too.

"What kind of booze ave you got mate?"

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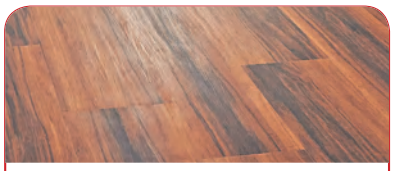

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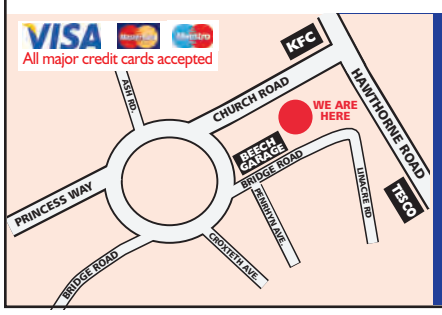

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Figures to December 2014 showed that 24% of the county's schools were outstanding, and 62% were good, compared to 20% and 61% respectively for England as a whole.

The figure for 'requires improvement' (the former 'satisfactory' category) is 5% lower than the rest of the country at 12%, while just 2% are judged 'inadequate' matching the figures for England as a whole.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "It's very gratifying indeed to see that the latest statistics from the DfE back up what we already know – that the quality of schools in Lancashire compares favourably with the rest of the country.

"To have four per cent more 'outstanding' schools than the England average is no mean achievement, as outstanding ratings certainly aren't given lightly. These figures clearly demonstrate the high quality of their staff and the commitment of pupils and families.

"The vast majority of schools choose to receive their support and advisory services from the county council and I think their continued success is a tribute to the hard work and expertise of our officers. Such is their reputation that we even have schools from outside Lancashire who are buying in our school improvement services."

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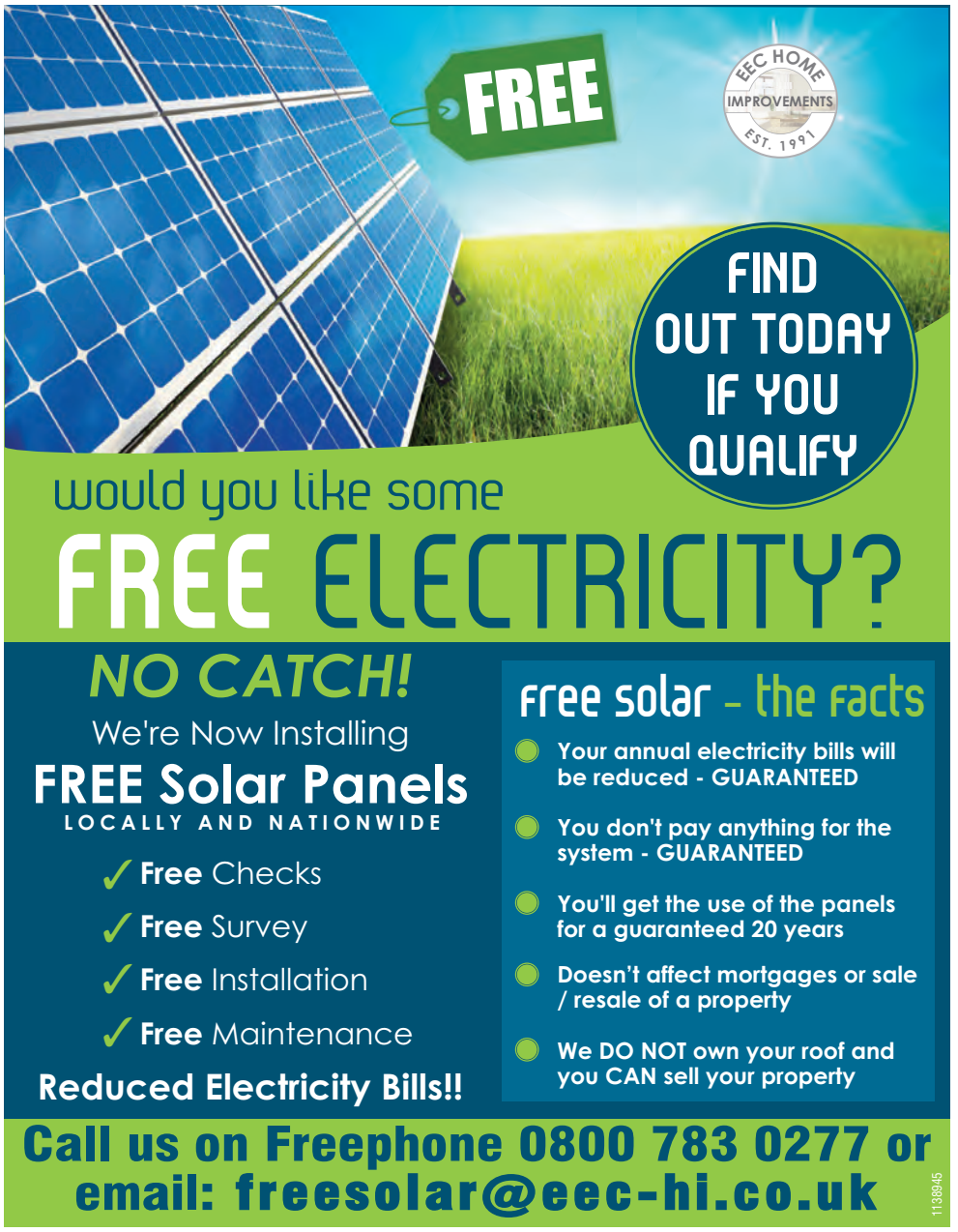
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Hospital staff help develop national Care Certificate

Report by **Neil Athey**

HOSPITAL staff in Southport and Ormskirk have helped develop the national Care Certificate to support the training of healthcare assistants and support workers.

The Care Certificate meets concerns raised in the Cavendish Review that followed the inquiry into the quality of care at the former Mid–Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

The review found formal support and education for healthcare assistants and social care support workers was inconsistent. A common national qualification was needed to assure the public that all those who provide care achieved a minimum standard of training.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust was one of 13 health and social care organisations asked to pilot and report on the effectiveness of a care certificate to NHS England.

Nicky Williams, assistant matron nurse education and training, said: "Healthcare assistants found working towards the Care Certificate hugely useful, not least because it underpins our values as a supportive and caring organisation.

"The certificate developed their confidence and improved job satisfaction. They also felt better supported, learning more about what good practice looks like and gaining the confidence to challenge poor practice if they saw it."

From April 1 every healthcare support worker new to the NHS will need to pass the Care Certificate. The trust is also considering incorporating the certificate into training for other health care support workers.

Nicky said: "The care porters give can be overlooked in a clinical environment like a hospital but they play an important role in comforting and putting patients at their ease. We wanted them and our patients to benefit from the Care Certificate, and a small group of porters and domestic staff took part in the pilot. Those who did said it made them feel more valued as part of a team and helped everyone understand people's different roles.

"I am proud of the NHS and Southport and Ormskirk trust, and the staff I have worked with while piloting the Care Certificate who are a credit to themselves, the organisation and the teams they work in. Their enthusiasm, commitment and desire to make a difference is something to be celebrated."

Jonathan Parry, chief executive of the trust, said: "Caring is everyone's business in our trust. Whether you are a porter, a nurse or a member of the domestic team, thanks to the Care Certificate they will be empowered to play their part fully in making sure patients are safe and properly cared for."

Nicky Williams (left) and Carol Fowler, matron performance and standards, with some of the staff who took part in the Care Certificate pilot

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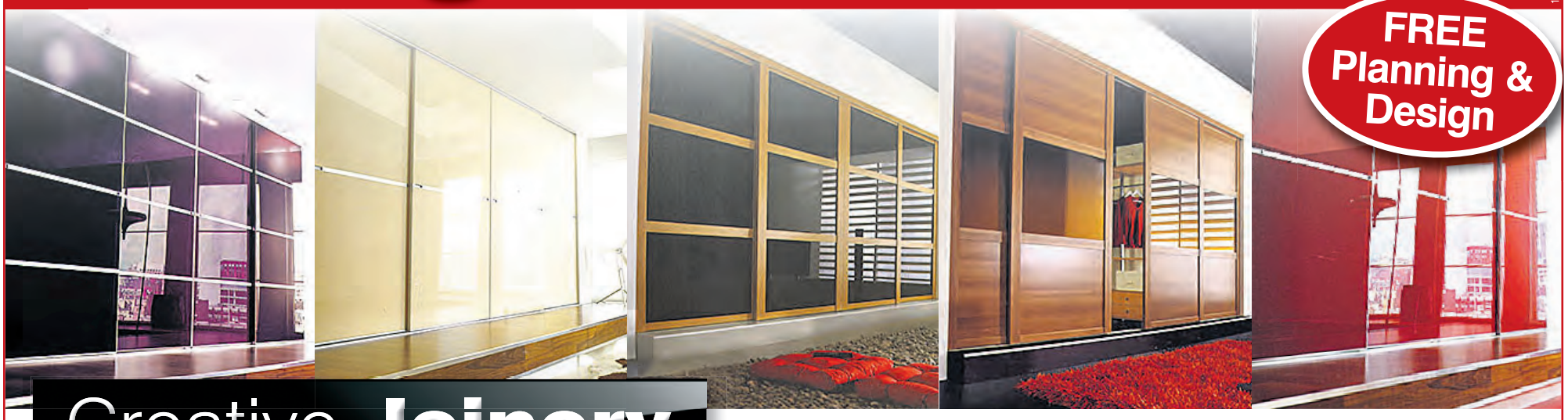

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Professor George Talbot, pro vice–chancellor of research at Edge Hill, said: "We are especially pleased to have recorded four–star impact case studies in education, health, media, history and sport considering we are a 'young' university with a short history of research activity in many of our disciplines.

"This funding is a way–stage in our 10–year strategy which I am very confident will deliver a five–fold increase in successful PhD completions by REF 2020.

"It will also create stronger scores for the three categories (outputs, impact and environment) and a greater intensity of performance."

City culture festival partnership renewed

EDGE Hill has renewed its partnership for a third year with Liverpool Sound City, a three–day festival of live music and arts which seeks to reinforce Liverpool as the UK's cultural capital.

The university has been named as the industry connection partner for the 2015 festival and conference, building on the success of an existing two–year partnership.

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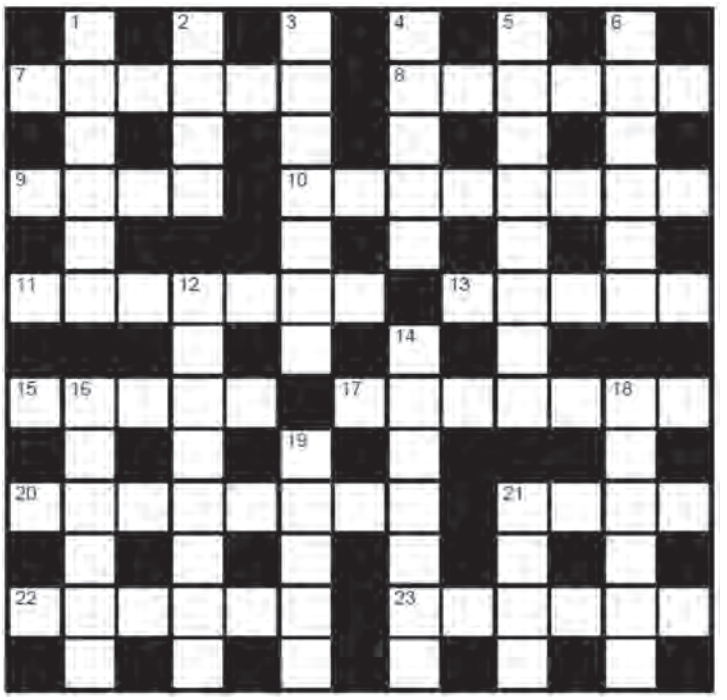

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Across: 7 Way out. 8 Orator. 9 Mars. 10 Transfix. 11 Isobars. 13 Train. 15 Fried. 16 Bandbox. 18 Pickings. 19 Cuff. 21 Earner. 22 Cinema.
Down: 1 Gaga. 2 Housebreaking. 3 Stature. 4 Foray. 5 Mass producing. 6 Politico. 12 Surgical. 14 Hassock. 17 Snarl. 20 Fume.

ACROSS

7 An outcast (6)
8 Coloured wax or chalk stick for drawing (6)
9 Eat dinner (4)
10 Passage for surplus water from a dam (8)
11 Dishonourable (7)
13 Pale pinkish-violet colour (5)
15 Worn and shabby (5)
17 Disaster, calamity (7)
20 Omnipotent (8)
21 Small seabird with forked tail (4)
22 Infectious disease characterized by a purple rash, headaches and fever (6)
23 Small wave (6)

DOWN

1 Bold, adventurous (6)
2 Go up (4)
3 Frightful, horrible (7)
4 Pungent (5)
5 Ornamental work in a vault or ceiling (8)
6 Composition for one or more solo instruments (6)
12 Wholly and completely (8)
14 Tangy French or Swiss cheese (7)
16 Reduces, eases (6)
18 In a threatening or ominous way (6)
19 Stage in a process (5)
21 Kind, sort (4)

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THE winners of a competition to find talented future high divers in West Lancashire have been announced.

PE teachers at schools across the borough nominated pupils to take part in the second annual Talent Identified Programme supported by the Skelmersdale–based Diving For Fun club with 100 children going through to a two–day diving 'boot camp' and 81 chosen for the final at Nye Bevan Pool.

Carlos Ferra, founder of Diving for Fun, said: "The finalists were separated into three categories – primary schools, high schools, and members of Diving 4 Fun with nine gold, silver and bronze medallists in each."

Some of the young divers with their medals

Hospital environment assessments

HEALTHWATCH Lancashire staff and volunteers are currently participating in assessments of the environments for NHS hospitals throughout Lancashire.

They say good environments matter and every NHS patient should be cared for with compassion and dignity in a clean, safe environment.

Patient–led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) identify how the environment or services might be enhanced from the perspective of patients. Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers take part to represent the public voice.

Volunteers, staff and directors will be taking part in PLACE assessments across the county over the coming weeks as part of teams assessing how the environment supports patients' privacy and dignity, food, cleanliness and general building maintenance.

The focus is entirely on the care environment and does not cover clinical care provision or how well staff are doing their job.

Gill Brown, Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, said: "PLACE assessments provide a valuable insight into how environments can be improved from the patient's point–of–view.

"It is important that the feedback received during the assessment is not only listened to but that any recommendations for improvement are acted upon to ensure that patients are cared for in a clean and safe environment."

Healthwatch Lancashire has recruited a team of volunteers who help to represent the public voice for health and social care in Lancashire and many take part in these assessments.

PLACE assessments take place every year and results are reported publicly to help drive improvements in the care environment. The results will show how hospitals are performing nationally and locally.

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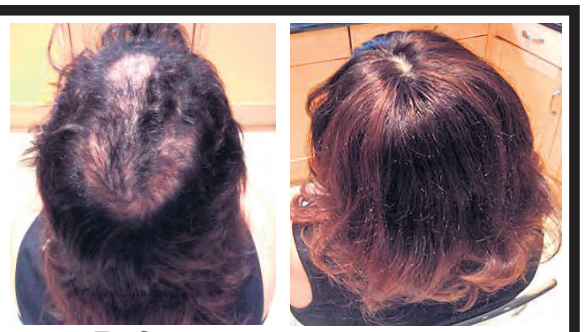
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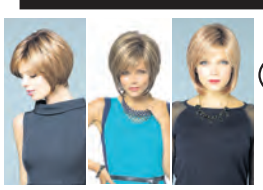
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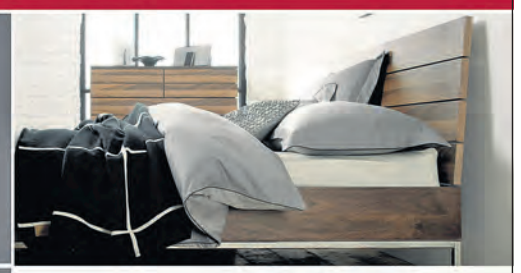
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Motors buffs invited to enter their vehicles for Ormskirk MotorFest

MOTORING enthusiasts are being invited to enter their vehicles now for display at the 2015 Ormskirk MotorFest.

The fabulous motoring extravaganza – which has become one of the North–West's biggest free family events – is due to take place on Sunday, August 30.

If you have a vintage, classic, competition or exciting car or motorcycle that you would like to display at the event then log on to www.ormskirkmotorfest.com and complete the online entry form.

In 2014 an estimated 25,000 people enjoyed a fabulous day out at the MotorFest as more than 300 cars and motorcycles from all eras of motoring lined up on Moor Street, Aughton Street and in Coronation Park in Ormskirk town centre.

Particularly popular with visitors were the two Formula 1 cars on display, a 1978 Williams car and a classic BRM which was raced by Graham Hill the two times world champion.

And the MotorFest Autosolo Challenge, which saw professional drivers testing their skills over a specially–designed course, also attracted a lot of attention.

MotorFest is organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancs Council and plans are already being drawn up to make this year's event better than ever.

Councillor David Griffiths, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for town and village centres, said: "The Ormskirk MotorFest has become one of the highlights of the year as thousands of people come from all over the North West to enjoy this fantastic spectacle. I am sure Ormskirk MotorFest 2015 will be even more successful than previous years and we hope you will all join us for what will be another fantastic day out for all the family."

Councillor David Griffiths

Meanwhile, organisers are looking to recruit sponsors for the event. Anyone interested can contact Colin Brady on 01695 585125, or contact Mike Ashcroft at email mja@aintree.org.uk or tel 01744 746706 or 07821 230 961.

The success of last year's MotorFest helped the Aintree club be chosen as joint winners of the Motorsport Industry Association's National Motorsport Week Award for Best Club. This year the club will be marking the 60th anniversary of the first British Grand Prix held at the Aintree Circuit.

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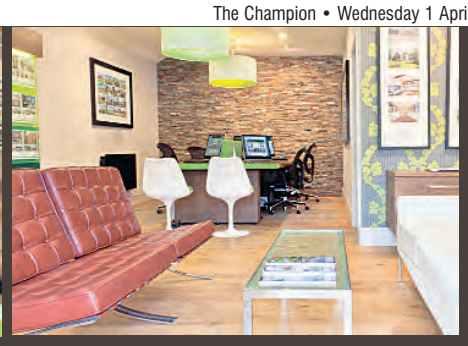

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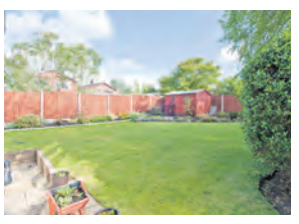

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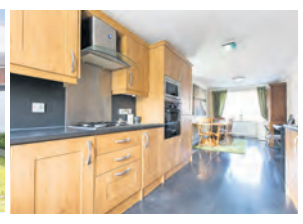

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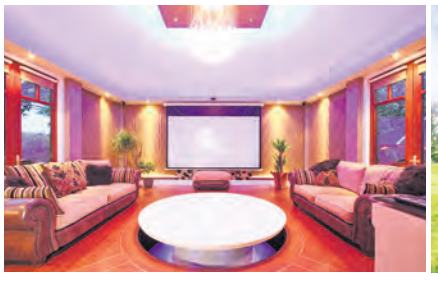

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Always have some wellingtons ready in the back of the car and if you work on a budget make sure you take a picnic with you. Kids love alfresco eating and it needn't cost much. Plan your days ahead so you can get up early and go. A look at the weather forecast a few days ahead will help make the right decisions with a minimum of disappointment.

Easter Egg Hunt

Little ones (and adults as well) love nothing more than looking for their chocolate fix on Easter morning. Make the fun last by providing lots of eggs (size does not matter and you can buy large bags for a few pounds) and use your imagination for challenging hiding places.

Remember the age you cater for as a five year old won't have quite the same determination or concentration power as an older child would. You may even want to organise a romantic egg hunt for your loved one, with a trinket or even a ring (!) hidden in the egg itself.

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There's still life in the 60's show phenomenon

The Solid Silver 60's Show
Southport Theatre

Mike Pender and pals light up stage with nostalgia

Review by **Ron Ellis**

How long can they go on? I mean, you don't get many Solid Silver Fifties Shows anymore do you? I see Jerry Lee Lewis is appearing at the New Orleans Jazz Festival next month at 80 and Chuck Berry was 87 when he hung up his rock'n'roll shoes at St. Louis' Blueberry Hill Bar last September. What struck me most about this concert was the unfortunate choice of costume by the artistes.

PP Arnold seemed to be wearing a serge bus conductor's uniform. Any minute I expected her to be handing out tickets. In fairness though, I suppose that is very 60's as they only have drivers nowadays.

Chris Farlowe lurched on wearing trainers and an old black shirt hanging over his joggers as if he'd broken off from a spot of gardening.

Mike Pender went for the snazzy showbiz look in a shiny blue jacket but the sartorial elegance was ruined by a pair of trousers he might have borrowed from Max Wall. A shame nobody bothered to introduce him but he announced himself just in case nobody knew who he was.

Once upon a time there used to be people called comperes. Where was Des O'Connor when you needed him?

Before The Merseybeats appeared, we had three minutes of a blacked out stage during which several people mistakenly left for the bar, thinking it was the interval.

Billy J. Kramer looked like he'd just come off the set of Poldark with his long straggly hair, waving his arms like a scarecrow in a gale and sporting the kind of frock coat that town criers wore in the century before last.

But now to the music. Backing band, The New Amen Corner, in blazers and slacks (the Boat Race Look), were everything professional musicians should be, tight, in tune and with a great drummer generating a solid beat. Nice to hear 'Bend me Shake me' and 'Half as Nice' again in their two solo spots. Similarly, Billy J's American backing band, The Risers were pure class.

PP Arnold sang her two biggest hits, 'Angel of the Morning' and 'First Cut is the Deepest', and duetted with Chris Farlowe on 'Private Number', a 1968 hit for William Bell and Judy Clay.

Chris Farlowe half talked his way through 'Handbags and Gladrags' but was more on form with his No 1 hit, the Jagger–Richards composition, 'Out of Time'.

The Merseybeats were the best on the bill, both for their singing and for their natural interaction with the audience. Furthermore, they were smartly dressed too, in matching black slacks and billowing white shirts. With Tony Crane's son, Adrian, on keyboard, they ran through their repertoire of hits like 'I Think of You', 'Wishin' and Hopin' and The Mersey's 'Sorrows' to great acclaim.

Mike Pender, the lead vocalist on the original Searchers single, sang 'Needles and Pins' and followed with others of the group's hits but his best number was his version of Neil Sedaka's 'Solitaire', where Andy Williams unjustly beat him to the charts.

Billy J. Kramer sounded nothing like he did in the 60's. Gone the soft, caressing tones of his 'Little Children' and 'Do You Want to Know a Secret' days. Now, he roared his way through his repertoire with a gravelly snarl.

Like Brian Hyland, who had hits with ballads but really wanted to be a rocker, Billy J was wrongly guided onto the cabaret circuit when, judging by the two new, self–penned numbers from his new CD, he could easily have extended his career as a rock singer. 'To Liverpool with Love' was the liveliest number of the night.

Forget the tribute acts. Here we had three and a quarter hours of nostalgia by people who made the sound of the 60's and the packed audience lapped it up. This is history.

Star rating: Nostalgia at its best. 8 out of 10.

Robin returns to his hometown to rescue beloved Maid Marion

Chris in Robin Hood **Code NA**

AUDIENCES young and old will be in a quiver this Easter as Robin Hood returns home.

People are invited to join Robin Hood, played by CITV's Hi–5 Chris Edgerley, from Southport, as he puts right the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham who rules over the good people of Sherwood, collecting taxes to pay for his own evil plans.

Chris Edgerley is from Churchtown went to Churchtown primary, Stanley High, then KGV. At the age of 18 he moved to London to attend drama school on a scholarship. While in Southport he was in many productions at the Arts Centre and Little Theatre.

He has worked professionally for the past 10 years and is best know for presenting CITV's Hi–5 for the past six years. Chris has also appeared in Emmerdale, many TV Commercials and London shows.

The auditions for 'Sherwoods Got Talent' are the perfect distraction as the Sheriff kidnaps Maid Marian – will Robin Hood and his very Merry Men be able to rescue her in time??

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Robin Hood plays at Southport Theatre on Monday, April 13 (3pm and 7pm).

Flautist promising at Engine Rooms

WHEN you think of jazz, you don't often think about the flute – however the instrument has played an effective role in that form of music.

Flautist Peter Westbrook, from Skelmersdale, who has a PhD in musicology, has written on the flute in jazz and is to perform on Friday, April 3 at the Engine Rooms.

On the night, which will start at 9pm, people will be able to hear music from Chick Corea, Wayne Shorter, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

Peter, 70, who was born in Staines and lived in America for 40 years, will be appearing with Tom Sykes who plays the piano and the violin. Tom is a music teacher at Liverpool Community College. Simonne Dale will be the singer on the night and she will be performing Brazilian music and the music of Antonia Carlos Jobim. Lee Webber will be the base player and Jonny Dale will be the drummer.

Peter is the writer of the book The Flute in Jazz: Window on World Music which has an accompanying film. It includes interviews with leading flutists and other major jazz artists. It looks at the history of flute in jazz.

Peter said: "The flute was not used in jazz for the first 50 years as it was seen as a woman's instrument. However that changed in the 1950s with the likes of Frank Wess who played the flute. In the last 20 years, the flute has been used in jazz more and more.

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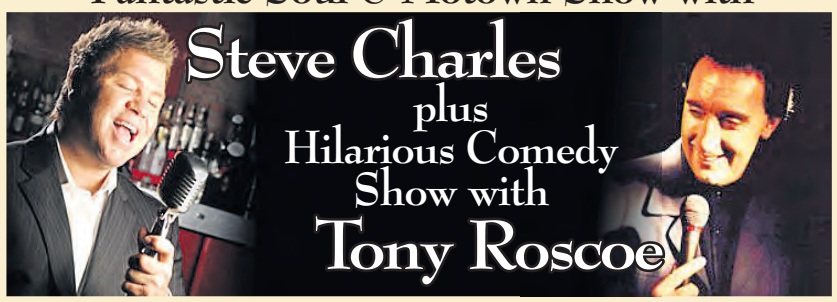

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God willing, me and my dog Emma will be doing the "Race For Life" again for the 5th time. We do it for all the people suffering this dreadful illness, but last years race was for you mainly.

Please look after my babies Dad. Your grandson and my son Liam who passed on 30th December 1983 and your granddaughter and my daughter Briony who passed on 27th July 1984.

I know my Nan (Swift) is caring for her 2 great grandchildren but now they have their grandad to care for them too. It just gets harder and harder for me with every passing year Dad. Please tell them that I love them both very much and give them a big hug from their Mum.

My tears for you dad never stop and I love you and miss you so much.

Dad, all the family send their love to you, as you send your love to us.

I am "SO PROUD" that you are "MY DAD".

God bless Dad, we love and miss you so very much.

From your broken hearted daughter Lynn and Emma the dog
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

Monaghan Bernie

2nd June 1952 - 6th April 2013

Thank you for your endless love that helps me through each day. And thank you for the memories that never fade away

Love Jude
XXX

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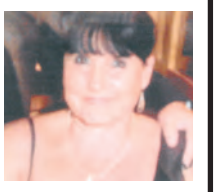
IN MEMORIAM

Mitchell Glenis



Two years have passed, we know there was a reason. Part of us was lost forever. So many times I think of you, and the things we liked to share It hurts so much that you're not there. But it helps to ease the pain to know you will always be by my side. Never forgotten.
Gerry
XXX

45448

IN MEMORIAM

Marshall Reg, Doreen & Andrew

In loving memory this Easter.

As the sun and flowers return You are always in our thoughts. Rest peacefully with all our love

From Malcolm and all your family and friends

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IN MEMORIAM

Winrow John

31-03-2010

Happy hours we all once enjoyed, Sweet the memories still but losing you has left a space this world could never fill.

Wife Joan and all your loving family.

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Lally
Brian

Marian and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for the many messages and cards of support at this sad time.

Thank you also for the donations made to Diabetes UK.

We would also like to thank Hardmans Funeral Directors for their caring and professional service. 1138713

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

Ward
Michael
(Mick)

4th April 1967

Always in my heart

Those we love
don't go away,
They walk beside
us every day,

Unseen, unheard,
but always near,
Still loved, still missed,
but very dear.

Happy Birthday
forever

Love Mum, Dad,
Jacqui and family,
Tony, Julie and family,
and Lyn

xxx

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DEATHS

McGHEE
Jessie
Litherland,
aged 93 years

Formerly with Scotts, Oleys Chemists, Bridge Road, Crosby, and Wilsons the Grocers, Stuart Road, Waterloo.

Thanks to NHS medical and nursing staff who helped Jessie live independently for so long, including:

Dr Richard Smith, Mr Rooney and Female Acru Ward staff (Royal Liverpool)

Mr Deegan (Royal & Broadgreen), NHS Walk-In Centre and Intermediate Care dept. (Litherland), and especially the Eye Clinic staff (Aintree) for their work for local people with AMD.

Funeral at Thornton Crematorium, Wed 1st April, 3.20pm.

Donations gratefully received by Plaza Community Cinema (0151-474-4076) or Guide Dogs for the Blind (0118 983 5555). Funeral arrangements by Co-operative Funeralcare (0151 525 6666).

Rest in peace.
Ian, family & friends

45449

Catlow
John
(Jack)

22nd March 2015

aged 85 years.

Husband of the late Margaret. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 1st April at 3:20pm. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

1138879

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Thornton, aged 77 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved wife of the late Thomas, a loving mum, devoted nan and great Nannie Mac to all her family.

Funeral Mass at St Richard's RC Church, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 9.30am followed by cremation at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St Joseph's Hospice.

1138932

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, how you suffered, for such a long time, but at peace, you are now.

I will miss you for all of my life.
You're with Dad and baby Kyle, so now I know how much you will smile.

Good night, God bless, daughter Jean, son-in-law Barry, grandchildren Kayleigh, Natasha, Wade and great grandchildren.

Night night Nani Mac.

1138929

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, every day you were in my life and the boys lives, giving your love and support. You will be forever in our hearts and thoughts. You are at peace now and in the loving arms of my dad.

Good night and God bless you mum,
Your broken hearted daughter Andrea and partner Chris xxx

Nan, Good night and God bless you Nanna Mac, Love you forever, grandsons Jake & Jamie xxx

1138928

DEATHS

Walton
Peter George

24th March 2015

Peacefully at home with his family by his side.

Much loved Husband of Nancy. Loving Father of Georgina and Frederick. Brother of Paul. Also a loving Uncle and Brother-in-law. Following a Private Committal, A Celebration of Peter's Life will take place at St James Church, Birkdale on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Family flowers only but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430

1138842

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, you fought till the very end, so brave.

No more pain now you are reunited with Dad.

Although our hearts ache we know you are free.

Love and miss you forever,

Your loving son Tommy and daughter-in-law Jackie

xxx

1138930

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

You were so strong Mum, and so brave, we will miss you so much.

Daughter Cathy, Son-in-law Gordon, Nan to Michael & Peter and partners Katie & Susan and Nannie Mc to Lilly & Jack

xx

1138933

DEATHS

Birchall
John (Jack)

on 28th March 2015

Peacefully at home aged 82 years.

Loving Husband of Sheila, devoted Dad of Ian, Karen, Paul and Carol, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helen's Crematorium on Tuesday 7th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

1138988

DEATHS

Pick
Audrey Joan

March 26th 2015

Aged 94 years.

Dearly loved wife of the late Reverend Bill Pick, dear mother of Geoffrey and Wendy, mother-in-law to Jacqui and John, devoted grannie to Alistair and Ellie. Funeral service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Churchtown on Monday 13th April at 11:00am followed by Interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Children's Society and The Mothers' Union. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

1139000

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

To my beautiful, brave, sweetheart mother...

Please forgive me because my words fail me, they conspire, they upset and will forever elude me, but I do know, my dearest mother that I shall ever miss you eternally...

John, Paula
xx

Tanhya, Jay &
Crazy Lucia
xxx

1138931

DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

My lovely mum, you will be deeply missed by daughter Joan, son in law Chris, nan to Neil & Lisa and partners Lisa & Martin, nannie Mc to Ava, Mia, Freya & Koen.

1138934

DEATHS

Mills
Marion
Elizabeth

Died 22nd March 2015

After a long illness

Always in out hearts, Daughter Elizabeth, Son in law David, Grandson Philip, Sister to Gladys (Deceased). Aunty to Julie and Robert, James, Alice and Scarlett. Requiem Mass at St. Patricks Church Marshside on Thursday 9th April at 12noon, followed by interment at Ford Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries and donations to H. Johnson and Sons Funeral Directors, 147 Roe Lane, Churchtown, Southport PR9 9PW. Tel 01704 227067.

1139009

DEATHS

Rimmer
Margaret

Peacefully on
24th March 2015

Aged 96 years

Dearly loved wife of the late Harry, loving sister to John and the late Tom and Nan. Margaret will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Patrick's RC Church on Friday 10th April at 1.30pm followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm. No flowers, but the family are receiving donations for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust. Further enquires to MJ Brookfield, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AJ. Tel 01704 532106. Special thanks to all staff at A&E and Ward 9A at Southport Hospital and Ascot Lodge Nursing Home for their care of Margaret.

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M.L.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Solid Sheds Limited** of **10 Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 9SA** is applying for a licence to use **Solid Sheds Limited, 10 Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 9SA.** as an operating centre for **2** goods vehicle and **0** trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office. 1138887

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Plasto-Sac UK Ltd trading as Plasto Sac UK Ltd Unit 19 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1LB is applying for a licence to use 9 Pit Hey Place, West Pimbo Ind. Est. Skelmersdale as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles.
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Localism Act 2011 – Section 95
Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land which is Listed as an Asset of Community Value.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council has received notification under Section 95(2) of the Localism Act 2011 of the intention to dispose of the asset listed in the Schedule below, which is listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Notice of the intention to dispose was received by the Council on the 19th March 2015 and the Interim Moratorium Period will expire on 30th April 2015. Subject to notification by potential bidders the full Moratorium Period will expire on the 19th September 2015 and the Protected Period will expire on 19th September 2016.

Eligible organisations should notify the Council at the address below by no later than 4pm on the 30th April 2015 if they wish to be considered as a potential bidder for the property.

SCHEDULE
Land on the South West Side of Rainford Road, Bickerstaffe (Jubilee Colliery)

Dated 1st April 2015

Terry Broderick
Borough Solicitor
West Lancashire Borough Council
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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0164/OUT Outline - Development of 12 residential flats with associated parking and green space following the demolition of the existing public house (including details of access, layout and scale) at The Almond Tree, Abbeystead, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/0259/FUL Erection of 1.8m high green paladin fence to western and northern boundaries (retrospective) at Whalleys Farm, Beacon Lane, Newburgh.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0275/FUL Removal of Condition No. 4 and variation of Condition No. 3 of planning permission 2012/1216/FUL to read 'The rating level of noise from fixed plant shall not exceed 35db(a) at 3 metres from the facade of the nearest residential building. All measurements and assessments shall be done in accordance with the methodology within BS4142.2014 Method for Rating and Assessing Industrial and Commercial Sound.' This noise level shall not be exceeded at any time at Land To The South Of Black-A-Moor Lane And West Of, Altcar Lane, Downholland.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0129/FUL Residential development including 5 no. three bedroom detached dwellings, 2 no. five bedroom detached dwellings and associated access road. at Acland Bracewell And Co, The Barrons, 104 Church Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2015/0167/FUL* 'Lantern' conservatory to rear at Elsinore, 1A Ayrefield Road, Roby Mill, UpHolland.
Application No: 2015/0178/FUL The demolition of the vacant, modern agricultural structure and the erection of 6 new dwellings with associated parking and amenity space at Halsall Hall Farm, Carr Moss Lane, Halsall.
Application No: 2015/0286/COU Change of commercial use class from A1 (Retail Shop) to A3 (Restaurant & Cafe) at Shoe Zone, 26 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0288/FUL* Demolition of existing garage and building of new garage at The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
Application No: 2015/0289/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing garage and building of new garage at The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
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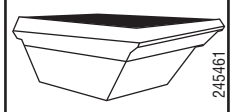
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OVER the past few weeks it's almost been impossible to visit the loo without someone venturing an opinion on what Jeremy Clarkson did or didn't do in a North Yorkshire hotel, which is why – until now – I've refrained from weighing in with mine.

Watching the whole Jeremy Clarkson thing unfold has been like watching – perhaps aptly – a car crash in slow motion, made all the worse by the fact I've grown up alongside his televisual career. So standing on the edge of the huge abyss his sacking has ripped through the motoring landscape has been like seeing a close relative getting nicked.

I spent my childhood watching the fuzzy–haired progenitor of dodgy faded denim carefully crafting his metaphors on Motorworld. I laughed when his description of how the Ford Probe was so good looking it could snap knicker elastic earned him a mention on Points of View, and yes, I remember the ripples of derision his televised destruction of the Vauxhall Vectra sent through the motoring world back in 1995. Clarkson, both back in the Nineties when I got hooked on Top Gear and in his mega successful Noughties incarnation, is still compulsive viewing.

Yet everyone who loves Top Gear – and that includes you – will be just fine, because the show's now been forced into the rethink nobody was prepared to admit it needed.

Top Gear of right now reminds me of Roger Moore donning a space suit in Moonraker – it was brilliant in parts, but proof positive that bigger budget doesn't always bring better results. Stung by the criticism of a Bond film that tried – and failed – to mimic Star Wars, the producers went back to basics and came back two years later with the excellent For Your Eyes Only.

The BBC – as Doctor Who, Have I Got News For You and, erm, a 2002 series called Top Gear prove – is brilliant at rescuing hit shows from the brink and making them brilliant again. As much as it hurts to admit it, Jeremy Clarkson and Top Gear are not one and the same. Now is the opportunity to reboot it and get back to the basics of the show. The cars.

For all the punches, BBC inquiries, sackings, death threats, wild speculation and newspaper columnists seriously suggesting Piers Morgan should be at the helm of the word's biggest motoring show despite having no experience of car reviewing, everyone will be fine.

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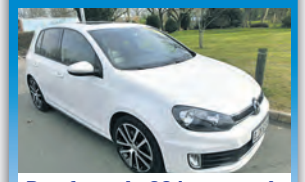

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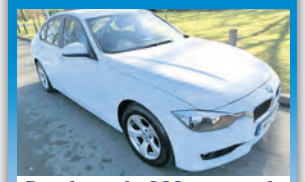

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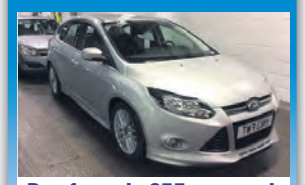

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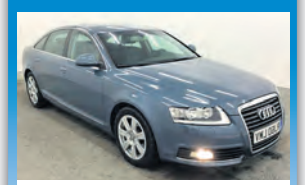

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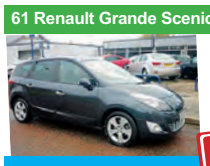

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- 7 Seater
- Sat Nav
- Leather

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- Alloys
- Air Con
- FSH

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- 65000 Miles
- FSH
- Alloys
- Air Con

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- 33000 Miles
- Alloys
- CD Player
- Air Con

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- Alloys
- Air Con
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- Alloys
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- 1 Owner
- Appearance Pack
- Alloys

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- FSH
- Alloys
- Priv Glass
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- 59000 Miles
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- FSH
- Air Con
- CD Player

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- Side Steps
- Upgraded Alloys

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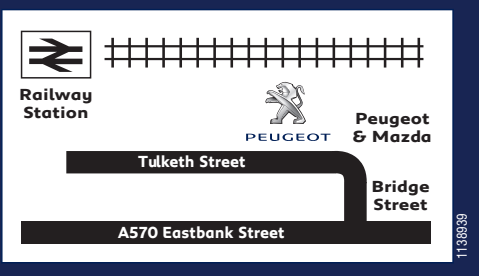

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Deposit..... £0
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2012 REG

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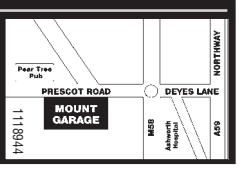

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Beesley still in charge

Report by **Tom Martin**

BURSCOUGH have confirmed that Mark Beesley has been appointed as permanent manager.

There had been speculation that the first team boss had been let go but this has been firmly kicked into touch with Beesley overseeing the side's 4–1 victory at the weekend, scoring two goals himself.

It followed speculation that Beesley had been dismissed last week with a new man put in place.

There is also some confusion over the future of director of football Dave Hughes.

However, club secretary Callum Hudson said: "Mark Beesley is still very much the manager despite some confusion last week.

"I think unofficial fans groups on social media caused the

Mark Beesley

issue with quite a bit of miscommunication going on.

"Mark is still in charge with Liam Blakeman as his Number Two. These are exciting times at the club and we are looking at a new stadium to be located nearby. We are also looking forward to the last league game against leaders Salford City and hope to get as many fans down as we can for this big game."

Safety secure for goal happy Linnets

Burscough 4
New Mills 1

A STRONG second half display from Burscough saw them ease to a 4–1 victory over New Mills and further deepen their visitors' relegation worries.

The victory was far from certain though when Ross Needham put New Mills ahead on 17 minutes and Burscough had to battle hard to level the score through Wade Joyce on the half hour mark.

Despite further pressing from the home side either side of the break, the New Mills defence held firm and were looking to claim a vital away point as the game headed towards the final quarter.

A quick fire double from Mark Beesley on 71 and 75 minutes put paid to any hopes of that though and William Jones rounded off the scoring with a fourth for Burscough in the 82nd minute.

Although Burscough's recent form had all but removed any prospect of relegation from the EvoStik Division One North league, the home fans in the 120 strong crowd will be relieved that their first back–to–back win of 2015 has now made that a mathematical certainty.

Will Jones scores Bursough's fourth goal. Picture by Debbie Manifold.

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Home straight in sight

HAVING last had a home game on March 7, Skelmersdale United now have four home games in April to finish off the season, starting on Saturday when Rushall Olympic travel up from the Midlands for an Easter date at Stormy Corner, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Following the visit of Rushall, Skem have their last away game of the season when they go to Marine on Easter Monday for what should be a cracking encounter.

Rushall were Skem's first opponents in the Evo–Stik Premier Division when Tommy Lawson's side got promoted from Division One North in 2013. The Midlanders won that game thanks to a rather debatable penalty but since then Skem have beaten them at home last season, before this season the teams drew at Rushall. So it's fair to say that Saturday should see another close game.

Then on Monday Skem nip up the M58 to Crosby to meet relegation–haunted Marine.

However, they are also a rejuvenated side since the arrival of new manager Sean Hessey, having played five, won three, drawn one and only lost one and that was only 2–1 with a last–minute goal to the team that prevailed over Skem on Saturday, Ilkeston. Last season when the two sides met at the Arriva Stadium they shared four goals, but even that only tells half the story, as Skem dramatically recovered from 2–0 down, thanks to a goal deep into added time from goalkeeper Zac Hibbert.

If the Bank Holiday crowd are thrilled half as much they will be left gasping for breath.

The kick–off of both games is 3pm.

Skem supporters do have a cup final to look forward to at Stormy Corner. The Liverpool County FA this week confirmed that the final of the Senior Cup will take place at Skelmersdale on Saturday, April 18, kick–off 3pm. AFC Liverpool will be the opponents. There will be more about that game in The Champion over the next couple of weeks.

One further occasion that will take place at Stormy Corner is one that might suit a budding Inspector Morse, DCI Banks or maybe even a Vera Stanhope, as the club will stage a Murder Mystery Night on Friday, April 10, 7.30pm start.

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Gallant Skem are out of luck again

Ilkeston 2 Skelmersdale United 0

By Neil Leatherbarrow

SKELMERSDALE United will do well to play better than they did at the New Manor Ground on Saturday – despite the result.

Indeed, they will very likely play a lot worse and win in what remains of the season.

This was always going to be a close encounter with the first goal likely to be crucial and for long periods Skem looked by far the more likely to get it only for their best efforts to be frustratingly dashed by Ilkeston strikes on 70 and 75 minutes.

It was clear early on that Ilkeston were not opening Skem up and the men in blue were making progress when they pressed the home goal.

In the first 15 minutes the best Ilkeston could muster was when Kane Richards saw a dangerous looking cross sent for a corner by Valtar Fernandes and another ball from James Reid that was allowed to pass across the face of goal for a goal–kick.

In attack Skem's Dan Mitchley was tripped by Jack Lane and the resulting free–kick from Kenny Strickland was blocked and although the rebound fell to Fernandes his effort went wide.

In the 27th minute only a tremendous save by home goalkeeper Jordan Smith kept Skem at bay. Alan Burton latched on to a Strickland free–kick from the left but the save by Smith from his header was stunning.

Scott Bakkor almost struck on 34 minutes after a mazy dribble into the box from the left, but a save low down by Smith thwarted his hopes.

Chances were few but by half–time Skem could certainly claim to be ahead on points.

The game was even after the restart with both defences dominating. The nearest Ilkeston got again was a shot from Reid that was saved by Steve James and a cross from the same player that was dealt with by Rob McIntosh.

Ilkeston, uniquely for a club in the Evo–Stik Premier Division, are full–time and it could be said that this contributed to them getting the vital opening goal from a set–piece move on 70 minutes. Reid put an out swinging corner in from the left, Joe Maguire ran onto the ball and bulleted a header into the Skem net.

When the opener was followed up by a superb strike from 25 yards to make it 2–0 via Callum Chettle it was always going to be very difficult for Skem to recover.

It had really been a gallant effort by the visitors and had home keeper Smith not pulled off such a good save from Burton in the first–half it might well have been a different story.

But that's just the way it is for United at the moment and you can't be critical of the spirit shown, a repeat of which will surely see them back to winning ways very soon.

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